

10, Bulkington Avenue,
Worthing.

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Gentlemen,

Annual Report 1943.

Acting on instructions from the Ministry of Health that reports should again be confined to essential and urgent matters which affected the public health during the year, especially any matter arising from or connected with the war, outbreaks of infectious disease, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health, I beg to make the following observations.

Statistics 1943.

	<u>Littlehampton.</u>	<u>England & Wales.</u>
Birth Rate per 1,000 population ...	20.7	16.5
Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	16.1	12.1
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 births ...	31	49

Evacuation.

At the end of the year there were 19 adult evacuees and 20 accompanied evacuee children in the district. There were no unaccompanied evacuee children.

Infectious Disease.

During the year the following cases of infectious disease were notified :-

	<u>No. notified.</u>	<u>No. of deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever	15 (11 in 1942)	0
Pneumonia	20 (19 " ")	7
Tuberculosis	10 (12 " ")	4
Measles	198	0
Whooping Cough	36	0
Erysipelas	1	-
Dysentery	1	-
Ac. Poliomyelitis	1	0

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Diphtheria Immunisation has again been carried out during the year by the County Council. At the end of the year the position was as follows :-

71% of children of school age had been immunised.
54.6% of children under school age had been immunised.

No case of Diphtheria was notified in the district during the year.

Scabies.

During the year 110 cases of Scabies were brought to the notice of the Health Department, namely:-

29 adults.
69 school children.
12 children under school age.

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All cases were treated with Benzyl Benzoate Emulsion with satisfactory results. Clothes and bedding were disinfected by washing or hot ironing.

Housing.

There were no new houses erected during 1943.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	...	338
Total number of inspections made for the purpose	...	440
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	...	6

Bacteriological Samples.

The usual samples of milk were taken as follows:

	<u>No. of samples taken.</u>	<u>No. complying with standard.</u>	<u>No. failing to comply with standard.</u>
Tuberculin Tested	4	4	-
Accredited	21	16	5
Pasteurised	56	49	7
Ordinary.	7	5	2 (Accredited standard t

Where a sample is found in any way unsatisfactory on examination, the matter is taken up with the producer or retailer, and should the milk be from an outside district, the information is passed on to the Local Authority concerned.

Food and Drugs Acts.

The following table shows the number of samples taken by the County Council (who are the administrative Authority for these Acts) and the results of examination:

	<u>No. analysed.</u>	<u>Genuine.</u>	<u>Otherwise.</u>
New Milk	20	18	2 ^x
Egg Substitute	2	1	1 ^p
Malted Milk Tablets	1	1	0
Dandelion Coffee	1	1	0
Lemon Emulsion	1	1	0

xReturned as 'slightly deficient'. Further sample genuine.
 pInformal sample. A formal sample was taken and returned as genuine.

The average content of the samples of New Milk analysed was as follows:

<u>Fat</u>	<u>Solids not Fat.</u>	<u>Total Solids.</u>
3.75%	8.97%	12.72%

In addition to the samples of milk submitted for analysis, 58 samples were tested by means of the Lactometer at dairies and all were satisfactory.

Water.

There is an abundant supply of pure water. The supply is constant and all the houses in the area are served direct. The water is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

Sanitary Inspection.

I have had a complete report from the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. McGarry, as in former years, but as this is not required I do not think it necessary to amplify any further beyond stating that 3965 visits and inspections were made as compared with 2963 the previous year.

Records.

All records, including statistics supplied by the Registrar General, are being carefully preserved in order that after the termination of the war a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, so that annual records may, as far as practicable, be continuous and complete.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) R.H. WILSHAW.

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Littlehampton Urban District Council.

